



## **2015 WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS-BRIDGESTONE INVITATIONAL**

(The 40<sup>th</sup> of 43 events in the PGA TOUR Season)

**Akron, OH  
Firestone Country Club  
South Course**

**August 5-9, 2015  
Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,400**

**FedExCup Pts: 550  
Purse: \$9,250,000**

### **Final Notes – Sunday, August 9, 2015**

*Weather:* Partly to mostly cloudy day with a high of 85 degrees. Winds NNE 4-8 mph.

#### **Final Leaderboard**

Shane Lowry	70-66-67-66—269 (-11)
Bubba Watson	70-66-69-66—271 (-9)
Justin Rose	67-71-63-72—273 (-7)
Jim Furyk	66-66-69-72—273 (-7)

#### **Shane Lowry**

Ireland's Shane Lowry entered the final round two shots off the lead before firing a bogey-free 66 to claim a two shot win over Bubba Watson. Lowry saved the best for last as his tee shot on No. 18 went deep into the left rough. His second shot rattled 141 yards through the trees and landed 11 feet, 1 inch away from the pin. Lowry drained the putt for birdie-3 to seal the win.

Lowry earns his first-career PGA TOUR victory in his 28<sup>th</sup> start at the age of 28 years, 4 months and 7 days. He earns a three-year exemption on the PGA TOUR through the 2017-2018 season.

Lowry wins in his 3<sup>rd</sup> start in the Bridgestone Invitational: 2015/Won, 2013/T48, 2009/77<sup>th</sup>. He wins his first World Golf Championships event in his 9<sup>th</sup> start.

Lowry entered the final round two shots behind the leaders (Jim Furyk and Justin Rose at 9-under).

Lowry is the eighth player to come from behind in the 17-year history of the Bridgestone Invitational. Last year, Northern Ireland's Rory McIlroy came from behind to win the Bridgestone Invitational.

With Lowry's win, he automatically becomes a member on the PGA TOUR (since he already accepted Special Temporary Membership) and is eligible to compete in the FedExCup Playoffs. His FedExCup points earned as a non-member (excluding those won at World Golf Championship events as a non-member) are retroactive and will be counted on the official FedExCup points list.

His FedExCup points earned in World Golf Championships events, including those from his victory at the Bridgestone Invitational, are not retroactive. Lowry will have two events (PGA Championship and Wyndham Championship) to try to move into the top 125 in the FedExCup standings.

He currently has 222 non-member/non-WGC FedExCup points, which would project (pending Barracuda Championship results) him in the No. 165-170 range in the current standings in his bid to make the Playoffs.

Lowry took up Special Temporary Membership on TOUR earlier this year. He is the first Special Temporary Member to win on TOUR since Jordan Spieth at the 2013 John Deere Classic.

Lowry is the first player from Ireland to win a World Golf Championships event. Lowry and Padraig Harrington are the only two golfers from Ireland to win on the PGA TOUR since 1980.

**Shane Lowry's Statistics:**

Fairways Hit:	26/56	23rd
Driving Distance:	324.8	T29
Greens in Regulation:	47/72	T5
Total Putts:	107	T7
Strokes Gained – Total:	14.870	1st

**About Shane Lowry**

Birthdate: April 2, 1987  
Birthplace: Clara, Ireland  
Resides: Clara, Ireland  
Family: Single  
Height/Weight: 6-1/216  
College: University College Dublin  
Turned Pro: 2009  
Joined PGA TOUR: N/A

Lowry's 2014-15 PGA TOUR Season starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 12-8-3-1

Lowry's career PGA TOUR starts-made cuts-top-10s-wins: 28-17-5-1

Lowry's father, Brendan, was a well-known Gaelic soccer star who played on the All-Ireland Championship team (County Offaly in 1982).

In 2009, Lowry won The 3 Irish Open as an amateur on the European Tour. Lowry is one of three amateurs to win on the European Tour (Danny Lee/2009 and Pablo Martin/2007). Lowry followed with another win on that tour in 2012 at the Portugal Masters as a professional.

Lowry's younger brother, Alan, followed in Shane's footsteps six days ago by winning the Mullingar Scratch Cup at Mullingar Golf Club in Ireland, overcoming a five stroke deficit halfway through the tournament. Shane won the event in 2008. Alan Lowry is a student at Maynooth University.

**Bubba Watson**

Watson entered the final round four shots behind the leaders (Jim Furyk and Justin Rose at 9-under), but finished two shots behind the winning score to finish second.

Watson has finished second in his last two starts on TOUR: 2<sup>nd</sup>/Bridgestone Invitational and 2<sup>nd</sup>/RBC Canadian Open. He also finished T2 earlier this year at the Waste Management Phoenix Open.

Watson will remain No. 2 in the FedExCup standings, 1,481 points behind Jordan Spieth.

Watson was looking to join Tiger Woods (6 occasions) and Phil Mickelson as the only players to win multiple World Golf Championships events in the same season.

Watson was looking for his third win of the season, having claimed the Travelers Championship earlier this summer in addition to the HSBC Champions. It would have been the first time in Watson's career to win three times in one season – he has won twice on three occasions, including this season.

Watson's six starts in the Bridgestone Invitational: T22/2010, T21/2011, T19/2012, T27/2013, T37/2014, 2nd/2015.

**Justin Rose**

Third-round co-leader Justin Rose shot a final-round 72 to finish T3 in his 11<sup>th</sup> start in the Bridgestone Invitational.

Rose was looking to become the first English player to win the Bridgestone Invitational. Three English players have won a World Golf Championships event: Ian Poulter (2), Justin Rose (1) and Luke Donald (1).

This is the 11th time Rose has led or tied for the lead going into the final round, and he has converted three of them, most recently earlier this season at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

### **Jim Furyk**

Third-round co-leader Jim Furyk shot a final round 72 to finish T3 in his 16<sup>th</sup> start in the Bridgestone Invitational. He was looking for his first World Golf Championships win in his 46<sup>th</sup> start.

Furyk's struggles with the 54-hole lead have been well documented the last five years. He has not been able to convert his last 10 54-hole leads on TOUR. The last event in which he closed the deal was the 2010 TOUR Championship by Coca-Cola. Over his career Furyk is 10 of 28 (includes 3 of 4 with 72-hole lead) when holding the lead/co-lead going into a final round.

Furyk notched his 10<sup>th</sup> top-10 finish at the Bridgestone Invitational trailing only Tiger Woods (12).

Furyk has finished runner-up twice at the Bridgestone Invitational – once in 2001 in a memorable playoff against Tiger Woods and later in 2012 when he led after each round and through the entire final round before a bogey on the final hole resulted in a second-place finish.

As a lifelong Steelers fan, Furyk attended the Pro Football Hall of Fame induction ceremony as a guest of Jerome Bettis in Canton, Ohio, on Saturday evening and will attend the game on Sunday evening.

Furyk, who did not make the 2013 Presidents Cup team, is projected to move into the top 5 in the United States team standings.

### **Miscellaneous notes**

The top 10 on the leaderboard includes players from five different countries. The 25 countries represented in this year's World Golf Championship-Bridgestone Invitational are the most in tournament history. The previous best – 22 countries – occurred last year.

Jordan Spieth, who leads the FedExCup standings and holds the No. 2 spot on the Official World Golf Rankings thanks to four wins this season, including two major championships, finished T10.

FedExCup Season-ending points leaders since 2009 (when the points were restructured):

Season	Player	Season Points
2009	Tiger Woods	3,431
2010	Ernie Els	1,846
2011	Nick Watney	1,906
2012	Tiger Woods	2,269
2013	Tiger Woods	3,059
2013-14	Rory McIlroy	2,582
2014-15	Jordan Spieth	3,839 (thru WGC-Bridgestone Invitational)

England's Lee Westwood made his 52<sup>nd</sup> start in a World Golf Championships event, the most of any player since the series began in 1999. Westwood finished T17.

### **Bogey-free rounds:**

R1: None

R2: None

R3: Bernd Wiesberger (66), Justin Rose (63)

R4: Rickie Fowler (67), Shane Lowry (66), Camilo Villegas (65)

### **Scoring average:**

	Front nine	Back nine	Total	Cumulative
R1:	35.519	35.844	71.364	---
R2:	35.793	35.195	70.988	71.174
R3:	35.195	35.377	70.572	70.975
R4:	35.352	35.598	70.950	70.966